



Our Mission:

*With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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If you want an audio recording
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CHURCH OFFICE

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News & Notes for September 12 & 13, 2026 **Holy Cross Day (observed)**

WELCOME TO EVERYONE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by filling out a prayer card found in the pew and putting it in the offering plate; or call or email the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastors but not published.

WE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS: **Cindy** Aubertin, **Jim** Bastian; **Karen** Belter; **Dennis** Benassi; **Carolyn** Bertram; **Mary Kay** Bethke; **Kacey** Booth; **Nancy** Caldwell; **Logan** Day; **Bob & Carolyn** Delohi; **Edna** Deubel; **Sandy** Dietz; **Sherien** Duello; **Brenda** Duncan; **Renea** Erickson; **Lois** Foster; **Rich** Franzer; **Julianna** Frerichs; **Ken & Sandie** Fussner; **Peggy** Gallagher; **Connie** Gamache; **Iris** Hackbarth; **Dianne** Helvey; **Marie** Herrington; **Mark** Hoemann; **Lizzie** Johansmann; **Mike** Kahler; **Frieda** Karl; **Edna** Kee; **Ron** Kettler; **Judith** Kirby; **Bob** Knehans; **Sandra** Kohrs; **Debra** Korte; **Joyce** Lang; **Betty** Lee; **Sadie** Liefer; **Steve** Mabry; **Albert & Ingrid** Marhanka; **Terry** McCann; **Maryanne** McDaniel; **Mabel** McKinney; **Matthew** McKinney; **Shirley** Niewald; **Barb** Parsons; **Cathy** Poindexter; **Bill** Price; **Gloria** Rariden; **Zeita** Reed; **Darlene** Rhodes; **Randy** Sagez; **Carol** Santoyo; **Roger** Sawall; **Vita** Sayers; **Betty** Schroeder; **Wayne** Walkenhorst; **Larry** Williams; **Ernestine** Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Diane Coppola Bralies (Liz Rasche)
Ralph Burroughs (Nancy Brazee)
Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)
Ben Carlton (Bill Price)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)
Layne Chartrand (Mark & Linda Ziolk)
Gina Chitwood (William Wichern)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)
Blake Davis (Kari Spearman)
Hobie Dufort (Jonathan Frasch)
Olivia Erickson (Ralph & Renae Erickson)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)
Rev. Dr. **Lee** Hagan, LCMS Missouri District President
Mark Hanna (Michael Hanna)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)
Al Ketsenburg
Bobbi Kistler (Mike Kahler)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)
Joyce Kroll (David Schlesselman)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)
Mike (Debbie Parks)
Mike Niewald (Niewalds)
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)
Kelly Schlereth (Patti Koepf)
Brenda McCowan (Loretta Ezell)
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)
Julie Schroeder (Dianne Helvey)
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)
Noel Scott Shipley (Amy Schipper)
Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)
Sean Smith-Killan (Justin Smith)
David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)
Ryan Stover (Brenda Marhanka)
Dennis Sweeso (Harrison Sweeso)
Stanika Todorova (Juliana Frerichs)
Leo Troxel (Alice Buehne)
Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)
Rich Waiwood (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)
Bobette Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)
John Allquist III, **Duane** Stuewe (Janet Allquist)

Barb Auping, **Ina** Guethle, **Dale** Stumpf, (Amanda Alton)
Krill Family (Trudy Belter)
Mike & Norma, Terry (Greg & Judy Bonney)
Carl Bradley, **Kathy** Lewis (Darlene Bradley)
Tom Heins, **Tony** LaChance, **Bill** Pratt, **Cindy** Wallace
(Becky Coomer)
Brian Ottinger, **Scott** Ottinger (Carla Cooper)
Joe Bryan, **Lynn** Hibbeler (Karen Copper)
Duane Dafler, **William** Dafler, **Laura** Robinette
(Wes Dafler)
Jade, **Neva** Martin; **Quinn** Valdick (Craig DeMent)
Ben & Pat Northcutt (Bryan Drilling)
Janet Davidson, **Iris & Lowell** Duncan (Don Duncan)
Scott Brockmann; **Lois** Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Bennett Hoemann, **Eileen** Marting, **Keith** Marting
(Mark Hoemann)
Penni Gronewald, **Kathy** Dore Jepsen (Jayne Jepsen)
John Longo, **Keith** Wooden (Randy Jones)
Bobbi Kistler; **Donna** Rogers; **Matt** Kahler;
Malu Martin (Mike & Dawn Kahler)
Alicia & Mark Kincaid, **Alicia** Kleb, **Mike** Sneed,
Cindy Sneed, **Winnie** Sneed (Michelle Kincaid)
Rodger Bratvogel; **George & Sandra** Roberts
(Elma Jane Kramer)
Donna Fleischacker-Maheras, **John** Schaefer Sr & Family;
Duane Rahe, **Nelda** Schmidt (Peggy Kuerschner)
John Bach, **Rachel** Long (Betty Lee)
Kim Clark & Family, **Susan** Maag (Menschers)
Gorman Cooper, **Janie** Machens (Tina Morrison)
Violet Mittenberg, **Paul** Palombi, **Elsie** Palombi
(Diane Palombi)
Mark Haefner, **Brian** Rubar, **Chase** Russell, **Carol** Sills
(Barb Parson)
Sarah Hall, **Katie** Hawkey; **Mary Ellen** McAlister;
Maeve Pardee & Family, **Lori** Miller, **Sarah** Cattan
(Jayme Price)
Amy Mueller, **Lary** Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Charlotte Gaines, **Nisseem**, **Daniel**, Dr. **Eric** Semler
(Sandra Semler)
Cecilianna Wilbur, **Tim** (Charity Smith)
Scott Steinbruegge, **Marcia** Sheppard
(Bob & Karen Steinbruegge)
Michelle, **Nick**, & **Maddie** DeMercurio (Bob & Sue
Williams)

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have moved, changed email address or phone number, please contact the church office and update your contact information:
secretary@hcross.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**THIS WEEKLY CALENDAR IS THE MOST
UPDATED INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK.**

SATURDAY, September 12, 2026

5PM Holy Communion
+ Nut & Candy Sale begins (Ladies Guild)

SUNDAY, September 13, 2026

HOLY CROSS DAY (OBS) & PICNIC
66TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
Nut & Candy Sale begins (Ladies Guild)
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ September Baptism Celebrations (rm 1)
10:45AM Holy Communion
+ Baptism of Jaidyn Strubelt
1PM Holy Cross Anniversary Picnic

MONDAY, September 14, 2026

9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6PM Grace Guild (dinner, speaker)

TUESDAY, September 15, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM
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9AM Preschool Chapel
9AM Quilting
10AM Women's Bible Study
12:30PM Staff Meeting
6PM Grace Guild (dinner, speaker, meeting)
6:30PM Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM
6:30AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9AM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
6:00PM Beginning Bells + Children's Choir
6:30PM Confirmation
+ Midweek: PreK to 6th Grade
6:45PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, September 17, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM
8AM NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE
Circuit Meeting held at Holy Cross
9:30AM Service (Congregation invited)
10:30-11:30AM Circuit Meeting
11:30AM—Noon: Pastors' Lunch
6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Study

FRIDAY, September 18, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11:30AM

SATURDAY, September 19, 2026

5PM Holy Communion
+ Nut & Candy Sale begins (Ladies Guild)

SUNDAY, September 20, 2026

Nut & Candy Sale begins (Ladies Guild)
8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
+ Midweek Teacher Training
10:45AM Holy Communion

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: September 5&6, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
5PM	66	64
8AM	113	95
10:45AM	78	67
TOTAL	257	226

Bible Class Attendance **Week of September 6, 2026**

NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	1
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	10
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	7
Sunday Adult Bible Class	43
New Member Orientation	NA
Tuesday Women's 10AM	6
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	5
Men's Breakfast & Bible	13
Wednesday AM Bible Class	36
Wednesday Nights	41
20s&30s Thursday	NR

Offerings: Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, 2026

General Fund	\$ 22,824.83
Endowment	\$ 100.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00
Missions Weekly	\$ 2,540.02
Missions Total Fiscal Yr Pt 1 2026-2027	\$ 3,670.10
DOOR OFFERING MO District Teachers & Preachers	\$ 3,242.00

Year-To-Date: 07.31.2026

Income	\$ 447,876.77
Expenses	\$ 464,294.56
Deficit	\$ (16,417.79)

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD collects packaged and canned **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Most needed: **soap — all types; gluten-free items; canned soup, toothpaste, canned vegetables. Thank you for filling those bins!**

MITES: Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect change for LWML grants to missions around the world.

STAMP COLLECTION: Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps to raise money for missions. Cut stamps from envelopes with about half an inch of paper left all around. Collection baskets are on the Welcome Center bookshelf and above the coat rack by the kitchen.

ELDER COMMUNICATION

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Those with hearing aids can download and use a smartphone or tablet app which broadcasts the service to your hearing aids (Bluetooth connection required).

Instructions for its use are provided in the Welcome Center and on the inside cover of the service bulletin.

CONTACT AN ELDER: Their pictures are displayed in the Welcome Center, so contact them if you have questions or concerns regarding services, policies, procedures, personal or other issues. You may also contact either Pastor. Personal issues will be kept confidential.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for (NEW) **October to December 2026** and new issues of **Lutheran Witness** are on the Welcome Center table.

MISSION BOARD provides **fresh fruits and vegetables** to **Concordia Seminary students**. Write your check to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary*.

HOPE Ministries food bank donations are accepted in the bin **beneath the Mission Board bulletin board in the Welcome Center**. Requested food: *Mashed Potatoes, Corn Muffin Mix, Rice-a-Roni, Spaghetti Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Gravy Packets*.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: September 9, 2026
Families: 81 Individuals: 251 New Families: 2

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are placed to the glory of God in celebration of the Sept. 12 wedding of *Garrett Piazza and Elana Follett* (parents are Sherry & Robert Piazza); and in celebration of the baptism of Jaidyn Norine Lynne Strubelt, by grandparents Quinton & Vickie Glasstetter.

HOLY BAPTISM for *Jaidyn Norine Lynne Strubelt*, daughter of Joshua Strubelt and Jenna Haffer, will be held Sun., Sept. 13, at the 10:45AM service. Jaidyn was born June 11, 2026, in St. Louis County. Her sponsors are Ashley Cameron and Justin Haffer. Welcome to God's Family at Holy Cross, Jaidyn!

PRAYERS: We also pray for *Jacob Drilling and Jamie Belsterling* who will be married Sun., Sept. 13, in Seattle, WA. Jacob's parents are Darlene & Mark Drilling.

THE SEVEN W'S OF WITNESSING Beginning Sun., Sept. 13, a 6-week Bible study on witnessing will be offered. It will include the what, why, where, when, who, and to whom of witnessing. More importantly, discussion will include different approaches to being faithful witnesses to our faith.

USHERS & ACOLYTES: Sign up today if you plan to serve next weekend or in the near future, at the Information Table in the Welcome Center (near the windows). Elders are already signed up for their service for next month. Thanks!

THE GRACE GUILD CRAFT EXPO is Nov. 7, 2026, from 9AM to 3PM at the Holy Cross gym. Vendors will feature custom art, woodworking, handcrafted jewelry, Christmas items, and many other items. Only three booths left! If you are a potential vendor, please find application forms and more information on the Welcome Center table.

WHERE IS YOUR NAME TAG? We have two new field workers at Holy Cross this fall. Have you met them? Their names are Kyle Beckstrom and Clyde Diercks. You have just two names to learn. They have hundreds. How about we help them by wearing our name tags for the next several months? If you have never received one or have misplaced yours, you can sign up for a new one at the information desk in the Welcome Center.

CANDY AND NUT SALE Ladies Guild will hold its annual CANDY AND NUT SALE starting THIS WEEKEND, Sept. 12-13, and continue through Oct. 4. Payment must be made in cash or by check at the time that the order is placed. Visit the table in the Welcome Center and see the varieties of delicious treats available. Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Marcy's Project, which helps families in our area with food, meals, clothing and household good.

REMINDER ABOUT SERVICE TIMES:

On Oct 3, the Saturday service will change to 3PM.

THE LEGACY COALITION invites you to its **Grandparenting Summit**, a special video replay of the Legacy Coalition Grandparent Summit to be held at Lutheran High School at St. Peters on Sat., Oct. 10, from 9AM to 3PM. The Legacy Coalition is a Christian organization helping Christian grandparents influence their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior in their grandchildren. Attendees will hear from world-class speakers and discover practical, meaningful ways to leave a lasting spiritual legacy for the next generation. Grandparents and adult children are both encouraged to attend. Participants will leave inspired and equipped! Register today by visiting: <https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/631609> Questions? Contact Karen Braddy at [636.578.9760](tel:636.578.9760).

Bible
Book
Club



Come and learn
about one
Bible book
each week

Tuesdays this Summer
at
10:00 AM

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

TODDLERS THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO
PROCESS INTO THE SUNDAY MORNING (9/13) SERVICES
HOLDING CROSSES.

PLEASE GATHER IN THE WELCOME CENTER 5 MINUTES
BEFORE THE SERVICE.

WE WILL ASK OUR OLDEST STUDENTS TO HELP GUIDE
THE YOUNGEST INTO THE SANCTUARY AND BACK TO
THEIR PARENTS.

Swing-A-Round Fun Town

September 26, 2026
11:30-3pm
3rd-5th grade only!
Drop-off and pick-up
at Holy Cross
Chaperones are
Chris & Jayme Price

Bring \$13 per person and a friend.
Pizza Lunch at Holy Cross
Kids will get a \$26 game card



Family Christmas Service

December 5, 2026
Followed by dinner and
service project

Sign up to participate
by Oct 15

Costume Fittings Nov 1 & 4
Practices Nov 22, Dec 2 & 5



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPT. 13
STARTING AT 1:00 PM

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS
will be provided!

POTLUCK ON SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS!

A-L BRING A SIDE DISH
M-Z BRING DESSERTS

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

CORN HOLE
WASHERS GAMES
BINGO
BINGO PRIZES for all ages!

WEAR YOUR **Holy Cross Merchandise** AT THE PICNIC!

Come hungry and enjoy a great afternoon together! ❤️

WE PRAY for Active Military Members & Relatives:
Dominic Bisesi, Andrew Chema, Jack Estill, Jacob Franke, Josh Linn, Doug Mundt, Justin Quinn, Joshua Rainwater, Austin Rasche, Devon Ruffin, Jesse Smith.



Craft expo

November 7, 2026
9 AM - 3 PM

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Vendors, for more information please visit
hccross.com/craft



Wonderful Counselor Conference at Chapel of the Cross

Sat., Sept. 26, 2026, from 8AM-12:30PM
Join them for their second annual Wonderful Counselor conference. At this free event, hear from Ted Kober, Lori Snyder LCSW, and Jennie Williamson, along with others who help people towards healthy mental and emotional health. Bring a friend. Please register at: <https://chapelstpeters.org/?p=3142>

Jennie Williamson Live in Concert

Sat., Sept. 26, 2026, at 6PM: Join Chapel of the Cross for this free concert "God is Great!" by Jennie Williamson. Jennie brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! Her concerts are filled with incredible messages of love and hope.

Lutheran High School Annual Fundraising Auction

A Night for Blue & White

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23,
2026



OLD HICKORY GOLF CLUB
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Open Bar, Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment | Live & Silent Auction

Join LHS for **A Night for Blue & White** on **Fri., Oct. 23, at Old Hickory Golf Club!** More than an auction, this special evening celebrates our LHS community—a night of fellowship and generosity in making a lasting impact on our students and school. Tickets are now available! Visit the QR Code below to reserve your spot. We can't wait to celebrate with you! **Purchase Tickets by scanning the QR Code!**



Auction Tickets

Charlotte's Web Takes the Stage! Lutheran High School proudly presents Charlotte's Web, based on the beloved book by E.B. White and adapted by Joseph Robinette. Join us for this heartwarming story of friendship, loyalty, and the power of words! **Performance Dates: Sept. 24-26, 2026, 6pm**
Location: LHS Commons Ticket link coming soon!